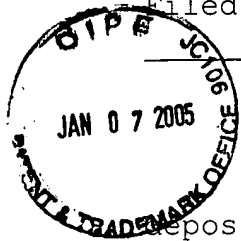



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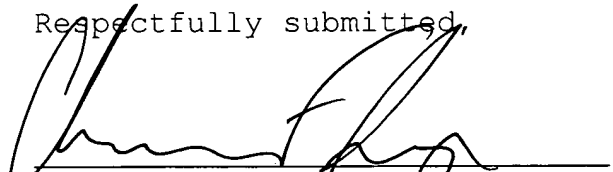
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The restriction requirement mailed on December 2, 2004 incorrectly considered canceled Claims 1-11. Applicants respectfully request that a new office action be issued directed to Claims 12-38 added by Preliminary Amendment of November 4, 2003 (see attached facsimile transmission of December 6, 2004).

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